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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., GCRM-136
Docket No: 2006-401-G

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the above referenced filing made by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont" or "PNG") dated April 16, 2013. Piedmont has requested a benchmark cost of gas increase from the current \$3.00 per dekatherm to \$4.50 per dekatherm. Piedmont also requests these changes to be effective with the first billing cycle in May 2013.

ORS has no objection to Piedmont's request for approval of GCRM-136. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments in this matter.

Sincerely,



John W. Flitter

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